Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Healthcare employment growth in the United States between 2002 and 2012 is projected to be 26 percent; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, nearly all healthcare professions are projected to see double digit percent growth between 2002 and 2012; and,

Whereas, By the school year 2012-2013, there will be a 21 percent decrease in the number of high school graduates; and,

Whereas, By the year 2025, South Dakota will have the 9th highest proportion of elderly in the nation; and,

Whereas, The explosion of technology in healthcare and an unprecedented aging population contribute to this healthcare workforce shortage; and,

Whereas, Today's students have opportunities to begin preparation for a healthcare career as early as high school; and,

Whereas, Students' academic achievement can be strengthened through health science applications; and,

Whereas, Students' expanded career knowledge can lead to wise career decision-making through support of the partnerships formed between healthcare organizations and educators; and,

Whereas, Strengthening partnerships between educators and healthcare professionals is essential to ensuring that students are prepared to meet current and projected staffing needs:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 6-12, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I encourage South Dakota students at all levels to consider careers in healthcare.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State